

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit:

Dec 11 '06

By:

James E. Bradley

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
Nicholas McMahon Turner, et al.

DOCKET NO. 048717.000002

SERIAL NO.: 10/718,057

EXAMINER:
Robert L. Nasser

FILED: 11/20/2003

GROUP ART UNIT: 3735

TITLE: **Medical Devices**

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

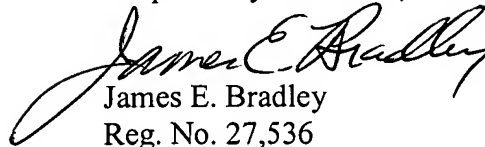
Applicants respectfully request an extension of one month in the period to respond to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006 in the above-identified case.

12/19/2006 EAREGAY1 00000005 500259 10718057

01 FC:2251 60.00 DA

Please charge the fee of \$60 to Bracewell & Giuliani Deposit Account No. 50-0259
(048717.000002).

Respectfully submitted,



James E. Bradley
Reg. No. 27,536
Attorney for Applicants

Date: Dec 11, 2006
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI LLP
P. O. Box 61389
Houston, Texas 77208 1389
Tel.: (713) 221-3301
Fax: (713) 222-3287